

Application of

Applicants

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Title

: A SPRING ELEMENT FOR USE IN AN APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING

TO A SEMICONDUCTOR AND A METHOD OF ATTACHING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 4 after "This application is a" insert - division of U.S. Patent Application

Serial No. 09/026,080, filed February 19, 1998, which is a--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-28 and 72.

REMARKS

Claims 29-71 and 73 were withdrawn from the continuation-in-part application as a result of a restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully request examination of those claims on the merits in this divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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